

Broads Forum Membership and Short Summary of Members and Contact Details

Chairman of Broads Forum

Member: Keith Bacon

Organisation: Broads Local Access Forum

Keith, a native of Catfield, is a retired teacher and runs the family holiday business at Potter Heigham. He is Chairman of the Broads Forum and a former member of the Broads Authority. He is Vice-Chairman and former Chairman of the Broads Society and is a Committee Member of the Norfolk Group of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

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Boating/Water Based Recreational Interest Group (4 members)

	Members	Substitutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Royal Yachting Association• Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association	John Tibbenham	Philip Ollier
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inland Waterways Association• East Anglian Waterways Association• Yare Users Association	Peter Wall	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• British Rowing• Canoe England• Oulton Broad Sports Centre• Eastern Regiona Rowing Council	Ashley Cato	Paul Gurbutt
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sport England• British Water Ski Federation• Eastern Rivers Ski Club	Julian Barnwell	John Carr

Member: John Tibbenham

Organisation: Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association

I have been a member of the Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association since 2004 and a member of the northern Rivers Sailing Club since 2005 (having been Commodore and Sailing Secretary). I live in Brundall and was born, and spent most of my childhood, in Reedham where my interest in boating and the Broads began. I learnt to sail in the 1960's and developed my skills at school where I attended courses at the NSSA base at Filby and raced at Buckenham SC. Before buying our own yacht, my wife and I hired motor cruisers on the broads for many years and we have cruised extensively over the whole of the rivers and broads of Norfolk and Suffolk. I am interested in all aspects of the Broads.

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Member: Peter Wall

Organisation: Inland Waterways Association

I was brought up and lived most of my working life in London which explains why I learnt to sail on Ruislip Lido! Like so many people my introduction to boating and the Broads was through reading Arthur Ransome as a child. Joined the Inland Waterways Association in 1963 and spent much of my teens and twenties helping to restore canals around the country with the Waterway Recovery Group. Holidays were regularly enjoyed on the canals and Norfolk Broads which included holidays on Hathor and Olive now with Wherry Yacht Charter Trust but became an aficionado of Percy Hunter's sailing boats such that when the Hunter Fleet was purchased by the Norfolk Heritage Fleet Trust I became the treasurer of the "Friends" organisation shortly after its inception. Retired to Norfolk in 2000 since when I worked for five years as a seasonal quay ranger at Reedham Quay and have been a volunteer skipper for Hunters Yard taking customers out for short sails on the Hunter boats.

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Member: Ashley Cato

Organisation: Canoe England

Member Representing a Sub Group of the Boating/Water Based Recreation Interest Group involving: British Canoe Union, Amateur Rowing Association' Oulton Broad Sports Centre, Eastern Rowing Council

Ashley is a Director and Water Activities Principal at Barton Turf Adventure Centre that provides courses for a range of watersports - canoeing, sailing, and power boating approved by the respective national governing bodies. Located in a SSSI, the Centre is a partner of the Broads Environmental Education Network to facilitate environmental and field studies.

Ashley brings to the Broads Forum an understanding of the water recreation and outdoor education sectors, and the ecology of the wetland and water environment. He is an experienced Canoe Coach and RYA Senior Instructor.

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Member: Julian Barnwell

Organisation: Eastern Rivers Ski Club

Member Representing a Sub Group of the Boating/Water Based Recreation Interest Group involving: Sport England, British Water Ski and Wakeboard

I am the Chairman of Eastern Rivers Ski Club and have been championing water-skiing on the broads since 1990. I actively use the broads for water-skiing, rowing, canoeing, fishing, walking and scuba diving. I also promote fishing and tourism via our printing company by publishing a fishing guide written by John Wilson. This book has been in print for over 35 years. I also have a particular keen interest in balanced conservation and I am member of the Marine Conservation Society.

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Commercial Interest Group (3 members)

	Members	Substitutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broads Tourism• Where to go in the North Norfolk• Broads Hire Boat Federation• Visit Norfolk• Visit East Anglia• Visit Norwich	Barbara Greasley Matthew Thwaites Pete Waters	Katie Lawrence Colin Dye Nick Bond

Member: Barbara Greasley

Organisation: Broads Tourism

I am chairman of Broads Tourism and Director of Norfolk Broads Direct Limited. Broads Tourism is a membership organisation that aims to promote the Broads as a unique and sustainable tourism destination and to provide a voice for Broads businesses. The membership is made up of Broads Businesses, some Local Authorities, the Broads Authority and other destination organisations such as Visit Norwich, and charities such as the RSPB. The Broads Tourism Executive committee meet once and month and hosts a member's meeting three times a year. I also sit on the boards of Visit East Anglia and Visit Norfolk.

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Member: Matthew Thwaites

Organisation: Broads Hire Boat Federation

I am sitting on the forum to represent the Broads Hire Boat Federation. I have been involved with hire boats on the Norfolk Broads for 30 years and I have had first-hand experience of all elements of the hire boat industry. I am currently vice chairman of the Broads Hire Boat Federation and chairman of the Broads Hire Boat Technical Committee.

I also live in a house on South Walsham Broad and I am a keen local sailor, I spend a large proportion of my spare time on the Broads either sailing or cruising and feel I am able to offer a balanced view of Broads issues.

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Member: Pete Waters

Organisation: Visit Norfolk and Visit East Anglia

Visit Norfolk is the official website and strategic voice for Norfolk tourism. Its role is to create a promotional and marketing umbrella under which all tourism-related bodies in the county can rally and work together, as well as providing campaigns, tools and generating publicity to highlight Norfolk's various holiday and short break offers.

Visit Norfolk's board is made up of representatives of county and district councils and DMOs and organisations including Broads Tourism and the Broads Authority.

Pete is also on the board of the Norfolk Food & Drink Festival and Visit Norwich.

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Land Based Recreation Interest Group (3 members)

	Members	Substitutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramblers Association • SUSTRANS • Broads Local Access Forum 	Keith Bacon Anthony Wright Peter Mason	Ray Walpole

Member: Keith Bacon

Organisation: Broads Local Access Forum

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Member: Anthony Wright

Organisation: SUSTRANS

A long-term cyclist and walker, Anthony has worked with several local authorities and publishers on the production of cycling and walking guides. He is the Norfolk and Suffolk Area Manager for Sustrans the national sustainable transport charity. He actively encourages visiting and enjoying the Broads using sustainable transport. His major interest in the Broads is in the development of local and tourist cycle routes. Such as The Three Rivers Way and extending the alignment of the National Cycle Network within the Broads Authority area. Routes that will benefit the local communities offering convenience, the promotion of tourism and there financial boost to the local economy. Within the forum, he sees his role as a champion for improving the access needs and facilities for walkers and cyclists. He uses his experience to guide and advise the Highways Agency and Norfolk & Suffolk Highways of their responsibilities for non-motorist users (NMU) safety on the highway. In addition, NMU's access requirements to rights of way network within the Broads administrative area.

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Members: Dr Peter Mason

Organisation: Broads Local Access Forum

I was born in Thorpe St Andrew and went to Thorpe Grammar School, Norwich. I worked as a secondary school teacher of Geography in Norwich and Germany, an FE lecturer in Geography and Tourism in Wiltshire and a university lecturer in Tourism in Devon, New Zealand, Australia and Bedfordshire. I am currently semi-retired, but have a fractional position at London Metropolitan University and am Visiting Professor of Tourism at South Bank University London. I have lived in Catfield for seven years and have represented tourism, walking and cycling on the Broads Local Access Forum since 2015. I have used the Broads area in my teaching and also it features as a case study in two texts books I have written.

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Fishing/Angling/Shooting Interest Group (2 members)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broads Angling Strategy Group• British Association for Shooting and Conservation	Tony Gibbons To be advised	

Member: Tony Gibbons

Organisation: Norfolk & District Anglers Association (NDAA)

I have been actively involved in angling and associated interests on the Norfolk Rivers and Broads for over 50 years. Representing the NDAA, I work with local organisations to further enhance the benefits of the use of the broads and rivers primarily for angling but also for all leisure activities. I aim to encourage all groups to unify their interests and liaise with each other to avoid conflict. I maintain all NDAA leases on waters fished by our members. We hold access and fishing rights to waters owned by the Cator Estate, Crown Estates and the Norfolk Archaeological Trust. I also organise matches and angling festivals on the Broads Rivers.

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Wildlife and Conservation Interest Group (3 members)

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Member: John Hiskett

Organisation: National Wildlife Trust

Norfolk Wildlife Trust manages nature reserves throughout the Broads, particularly in the Upper Thurne and Bure and Ant valleys. Through our Living Landscape projects, we seek to promote development of catchment wide conservation, in conjunction with other partners and landowners. In addition to habitat management, this includes education and interpretation work relating to the wildlife of the Broads. We also seek to work with owners and managers of County Wildlife Sites. I take the lead, countywide, on planning matters for NWT, responding to strategic plans and planning applications that may impact on wildlife. I represent NWT on the Norfolk Coast Partnership and currently chair the Norfolk Coast AONB SDF panel. I represent NWT on the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership (NBP) and currently chair the coastal topic group of NBP. I have been a member of the Broads Forum since 2001 and I am also a member of the Broads Biodiversity Group and Water Quality Partnership.

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Member: Philip Pearson

Organisation: Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

The RSPB's aim is to support the protection of important wildlife and habitats throughout the Broads, delivered through work on its reserves and in partnership with other organisations and landowners. My role is to provide the RSPB's advice on planning and policy issues within the Broads area that have conservation implications, as well as advising on specific conservation work and land management. I am a member of the Broads Biodiversity Group and Water Quality Partnership, and have been a member of the Broads Forum since 2009.

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Member: Jennifer Parkhouse

Organisation: Friends of the Earth

We are a local group of a large, national organisation concerned about the use and conservation of natural resources, promoting a green economy and committed to environmental justice. We campaign on national issues at local level and tackle problems specifically relevant to Norfolk - hence our membership of the Broads Forum is of tremendous value to us. One of my main roles is to form partnerships and work with like-minded bodies. We are at our most effective and achieve best results when networking.

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Farming/Landowning and Drainage Interest Group (3 members)

	Members	Substitutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country Landowners Association • National Farmers Union • Broads Reed and Sedge Cutters Association • Association of Inland Drainage Authorities 	Andrew Alston Henry Cator Richard Starling	Simon Daniels

Member: Andrew Alston

Organisation: NFU/CLA/BASC

Andrew is married with 2 children and lives at Marsham near Aylsham.

Andrew farms at Catfield growing Sugar beet, cereals, potatoes and salad crops. The farm is in Higher Level Stewardship and part of the farm is farmed organically. There is a small flock of sheep which grazes the low input grassland. The business has diversified recently into horse livery, business and residential lets. Andrew also manages Delta Farming Ltd which farms around Barton Broad and in North Norfolk. He owns Norfolk Farm Management Ltd (a farm and Estate management advice business) and Agricultural Water Management, which advises farmers on diffuse pollution and abstraction issues. Andrew is BASIS S&W qualified.

In his spare time Andrew is Chairman of Norfolk Coast & Broads LEADER LAG (RDPE) and sits on the steering group which develops Norfolk's Rural Development Strategy with NCC and LEP. He is Chairman of Yaregrain plc at Cantley, CEO of Broadland Agricultural Water Abstractors Group which lobbies for its members abstraction rights at Regional and National level. He also sits on Broads Water Quality Partnership, BAM (Bure, Ant & Muckfleet) CSF Steering group and well as Anglia CSF Steering group.

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Member: Henry Cator

Organisation: Association of Drainage Authorities.

Henry farms a mixed arable and sucker beef enterprise at Salhouse. He is currently Chairman of the Broads (2006) Internal Drainage Board and Chairman of the Association of Drainage Authorities. Henry is Chairman of the Royal Agricultural Society of England and past President and Chairman of the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association.

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Member: Richard Starling

Organisation: Broads Reed and Sedge Cutters Association

Richard Starling is a member of the Broads Reed and Sedge Cutters Association (Brasca). Richard lives at Somerton and harvests reed and sedge at Martham Broad National Nature Reserve on the Upper Thurne. Richard is also a Parish Councillor, a member of Norfolk Wildlife Trust and a member of the British Association of Shooting and Conservation. Brasca was formed in 2003 to represent the interests of self-employed reed and sedge cutters working in the Broads. The cutting industry was previously in decline but close working with the Broads Authority has brought about many improvements. Problems with poor access onto remote or difficult reed beds have been solved and old equipment replaced with assistance from the Authority's Sustainable Development Fund. The improvements have helped to attract younger persons into reed and sedge cutting which in turn will ensure the future of this sustainable management of the Broads reed beds and fens. Brasca's priorities remain to increase reed and sedge production to meet the needs of the UK thatching industry which is still heavily dependent on imported materials. Importance must be placed on working with wildlife and seeking improvements to the environment and in particular with the water quality of our Broads and rivers. Brasca supports the need for the local population in the Broads to have elected representation on the Broads Authority

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Education Interest Group (2 members)

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Member: Martyn Davey

Organisation: Easton and Otley College

Martyn Davey - BSc Hons, PGCE, MBA, DipMC, MIHort.

Background land based education last 20 years currently director of landbased curriculum, overseeing the management of agriculture, horticulture, countryside and environmental management, arboriculture and floristry at Easton and Otley College.

Key responsibilities staff management, designing new programs of study in the land based sector, budget control, planning and liaising with employers and external awarding bodies. Quality and monitoring quality is vital in my position with the increasingly rigorous Ofsted inspection regime.

Easton and Otley College have a range of courses that link with the broads using this valuable resource for conservation projects and sports activities particularly at whitlingham broad. The college has in the past worked with the Broads Authority to develop work based training programmes for Mill rights and reed cutters, to help ensure these traditional skills are not lost.

Personally I am able to assist in the development of training programmes linked to the broads and the environment, and provide students to take part in specific projects.

Easton and Otley College are committed to the development of landbased education to ensure the viability of conservation and environmental management blending with recreational land use.

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Member: Simon Partridge

Organisation: How Hill Trust

Simon is the director of the How Hill Trust, a residential environmental charity based on the river Ant at Ludham. The How Hill Trust has schoolchildren (mostly key stage 2) staying at How Hill House for most academic weeks of the year. For most children, this is their first, and lasting, experience of the unique Broadland environment.

The Trust also welcomes many children on day visits and runs a variety of adult residential environmental courses too.

Simon is a member of the Broads Environmental Education Network (BEEN) and works closely with the Broads Authority education officer. He is also a trustee of the Norfolk Windmills Trust.

The How Hill Trust operates a tea room at weekends during the summer months (How Hill is one of the Broads Authority's visitor 'hubs'), and Simon is committed to partnership working with the Broads Authority to ensure sustainable tourism and a first class experience for all visitors.

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Cultural Heritage Interest Group (2 members)

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Member: Peter Jermy

Organisation: Norfolk Wherry Trust

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Broads Society (2 members)

	Members	Substitutes
• Broads Society	Robin Godber Paul Savage	Peter Horsefield

Member: Robin Godber

Organisation: Broads Society

I have been a member of the Broads Society for forty years. My involvement with the Broads began in the early Fifties learning to sail on Oulton Broad where my mother's family lived. I have been a Broads licence payer since the early Seventies and have competed regularly in the 3 Rivers Race since 1973.

The majority of my working life has been in the marine industry culminating in owning and running a hire fleet from Brundall, a joint venture with my wife. During that time I was Chairman of the Brundall Riverside Association, a Committee Member of the Broadland Owners Association and a member of the Anglian Water Broads Advisory Panel. I was also a founder member of the Broads Tourism Forum (now Broads Tourism) becoming its first Hon Treasurer.

I have been a member of the Broads Society Southern Rivers sub Committee for many years and became its chairman until taking over as Chair of the Broads Society in 2012. I have been active in the Regeneration of the Southern Broads scheme, a long term project to re-vitalise the Southern Rivers.

Dr Martin George is the Broads Society's representative on the Broads Forum, mainly responsible for Conservation issues so I see my appointment as representing the Society on Navigational and general matters.

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Member: Paul Savage

Organisation: Broads Society

The Broads Society is an independent charity whose purpose is to promote the well-being of the Broads and tries to bring together all the diverse interests, which necessarily compete for attention. We have been doing this since 1956.

I chair the Northern Rivers sub-committee of the Broads Society.

I am a retired solicitor and spent most of my working life in public service. I have a particular

Interest in how a non-governmental public body, such as the Broads Authority, carries out its functions.

I am a keen cruising sailor and have held flag officer and secretary roles in my broads sailing club, which exists to foster friendship among Broads sailors.

I am a Broads Authority Volunteer and run the “Broadsword” team of volunteers, all members of the Broads Society, who help maintain the landscape, especially in winter months.

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Local Communities Interest Group (5 members)

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Member: Michael Flett (Vice-Chairman)

Organisation: Norfolk Association of Local Councils
Ludham Parish Council (Northern Broads)

Member Representing Norfolk Parishes in the Broads

I have been resident in Norfolk since 1974, mostly in Ludham, where I have been a Parish Councillor for the past 17 years (9 years as chairman). I am also a founder Trustee of a registered local charity, Womack Charitable Trust set up in 2001, whose main purpose is to administer and maintain a substantial mooring facility in the village of Ludham and manage funds for the benefit of the residents of Ludham. My interests with regard to the Broads Forum are primarily to promote good working relationships between Parish Councils, the Broads Authority, and Broads residents and users generally, and to foster and improve contacts between user groups such as walkers, boat users, land owners, the leisure industry, parish councils, etc. I am a member of the Broads Local Access Forum, representing interests of landowners and managers, with particular emphasis on public rights of way, and an active member of the Friends of How Hill.

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Member: John Lurkins

Organisation: Norfolk Association of Local Councils
Chedgrave Parish Council (Northern Broads)

Member Representing Norfolk Parishes in the Broads

I am a retired 69-year-old, born in Norfolk and have lived and worked here all my life. I am a retired Marine Hydraulics Engineer and have run my own business in the marine industry for the past 40 years. I joined the British Marine Industrial Federation which I became chairman of the Eastern branch, a position I held for many years. During this time I helped to set up

and run the East Coast Boat Show. I joined Chedgrave Parish Council in 1981 in order to become involved in local issues. I was appointed as Chairman for 16 years. I have been involved in the formation of the Wherryman's Way and working with BESL towards improving the protection of the local riverbanks. I believe with the demise of the hire boat industry over the years, the southern broads have lacked promotion. It is an ideal place for walkers, bird watchers, cyclists, fishing and a great place for a family day out to mention just a few activities. I feel this is an area that can be improved upon and would like to offer my experience to help with this and the many other issues.

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Member: Brian Barker

Organisation: Norfolk Association of Local Councils
Somerton Parish Council (Northern Broads)

Member Representing Norfolk Parishes in the Broads

Since 1982 Brian has lived in West Somerton and kept a Broads Cruiser, both for fishing and general leisure. As a member of the Hickling Broad Sailing Club, he sails a "Delta 4 Trapeze", has 2 kayaks, and a "Topper". Brian has been the Secretary of the Somerton Boat Dyke Trust for over 10 years, and is a Parish Councillor for Somerton. Brian's other passion is walking his dogs, seeking out new footpaths in the area. He is therefore constantly aware of the changing quality of the water, levels in dykes, areas of algae and weed, and condition and accessibility of footpaths. Brian was very active in pressing for the change from "planned retreat" to "holding the line" in the recent shoreline management consultation, and would welcome the opportunity to continue to "hold the line" to protect our unique area in the future.

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Organisation: Suffolk Association of Local Councils
Oulton Parish Council (Southern Broads)

Member Representing Suffolk Parishes in the Broads

I have been a member of Oulton Parish Council since 1982 during which time I was Chairman for 14 years. I am currently Vice-Chairman. I am a trustee for the Oulton Marshes, an area of 63 acres, with responsibility for footpaths. I am on the committee for a Trust which involves supporting the more vulnerable residents of our parish. I am a founding member of the Northern Parish Group which comprises of 6 parishes (Somerleyton, Blundeston, Oulton, Hopton, Herringfleet and Flixton) who meet and support each other on local and national issues. As a boat owner and keen angler maintaining and improving the Broads area is my main interest. I have worked tirelessly to re-instate the Free Quay at Oulton Broad; despite all efforts it remains empty. I believe access to the Broads is a priority and the recent development at Pegasus Boat Yard is an example of how this can be achieved. My aim is to continue working for the future of the Broads.

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